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## Charges laid after strange death

**BROOKS** A man was charged yesterday with first-degree murder in the death of a Brooks man in a bizarre homicide case earlier this month.

Brooks RCMP received a call around 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 1 from a man who said he had been assaulted, but did not know where he was.

RCMP members searched the area where they believed the call originated, but did not find the man.

An intensive search Sept. 5 located 39-year-old Sharmanke Warsame dead in a field east of Brooks. An autopsy determined the death was a homicide.

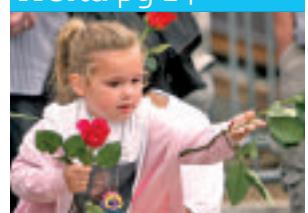
Carl Haywood, 42, of Brooks, was arrested near his residence, and was charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

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## Drop-In full, homeless turned away

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**SHELTER** Homeless people in Calgary have never been so homeless, as the Drop-In Centre has turned away 121 people over the past two weeks and run out of food at least once.

"This is truly disturbing," said the Drop-In Centre's Louise Gallagher, noting they serve up to 1,000 meals every night. "We've never run out of food before, and to be turning people away at this time of the year has us very concerned about what may happen come winter."

**"Our shelters will all be full ... as soon as the weather hits."**

Floyd Perras

Gallagher said while the Mustard Seed ceased running afternoon shuttle buses to their Foothills Shelter, which holds 370 people, on July 1 and on Sept. 2 also quit providing emergency services downtown, a recent spate of cold weather is likely driving the Drop-In into uncharted territory.

Development in the East Village has also closed up many spots where homeless usually sleep outside, she said.

Mustard Seed's Floyd Perras said he realizes the Drop-In is facing a pinch and it won't be long until they're in the same boat.

"The truth of the matter is that there aren't enough places to put people and over the past four days, we've seen our numbers spike as well," he said.

"Our shelters will all be full in a very short time, as soon as the weather hits."

**"We're having a good time with it, but we're also trying to put some design consideration into it."**

Ricardo Brito

trying to put some design consideration into it," said the Yolkers' Ricardo Brito, 26, of the first egg drop competition of his life. "It's not easy getting everyone to agree on the same thing."

Environmental design student and orientation co-facilitator Eric Au, 25, said the event, which has run off and on for years, is a good team-building exercise and

helps ease mostly freshman students into the rigors of post-secondary education.

"It's the first week, so it's just a fun thing to do," he said. "But in a few weeks time, I suspect we'll see a few people start falling off of this thing just like the eggs, that's the big joke around here."

The Yolkers' egg, given a face and black foam Afro hairdo, complete with pick, didn't crack and they won the competition with a sleek cone design, earning beer and books for their efforts.



Gabriel Didiano, first-year architect student from team The Free Range, drops a specially designed egg holders from 4 floors up during the Faculty of Environmental Design's annual Egg Drop contest.

## U of C environmental design egg-stravaganza

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### It was a mad scramble.

A half-dozen University of Calgary environmental design students hatched some hard-boiled approaches over one hour, some stuffing simple cardboard boxes with shredded paper, others concocting cone-shaped containers crammed with sheets of foam and newsprint, all aiming for egg-drop supremacy.

From four-stories up on a

catwalk in the heart of the university's professional faculty building, teams took turns trying to land their contraptions on a cafeteria tray with a masking tape X, accruing points for everything from the ingenuity of their names to getting their egg to the bottom in one piece.

"We're having a good time with it, but we're also

Calgary Transit is hosting a career fair tonight and tomorrow in hopes of hiring bus drivers, heavy-duty mechanics and peace officers. Those interested are invited to the Calgary Transit Springs Garden Garage at 928 - 32 Ave NE to apply. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Local

***"It was so close to the wire."***

Greg Kolodziejzyk, the new world record holder for greatest distance ever travelled by human power on flat water in one day. Kolodziejzyk powered his specially designed pedal boat 245.16 kilometres, beating the existing record of 242 kilometres on Sept. 9



## Man asleep in dumpster loaded into trash truck

**INJURIES** A man sleeping in a cardboard-filled dumpster got a frightening wake-up call Thursday morning after being dropped into the back of a garbage truck.

Around 7 a.m., the Calgary Fire Department responded to calls of a yelling man in the back of the truck on 1 Ave. and 6 St. SW.

He was taken to hospital suffering from two broken legs and pelvis injuries.

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What's online today.

**Watch** as the newest Calgary Flames use a charity golf tourney as an opportunity to bond with their new teammates and the Plaza theatre is showing Andy Warhol's Empire, an eight-hour static shot of the Empire State Building at [www.metronews.ca/local](http://www.metronews.ca/local). Also, Prince Harry's appearance at a Medicine Hat pub leaves the locals starstruck.

## Calgary gets fashion-forward

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Calgarians hoping to keep up on the latest fall fashions only need to make one stop this weekend at the Portobello Fashion and Art Market.

The second annual market carries the latest one-of-a-kind fashions, according to market director Carlie Smith. "The first one was very well-received and Calgary is very much a fashion forward city, so people should stock up their closets," she said.

Smith says the market has unique designers from Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver showing off their own unique ideas.

"There are so many original ideas, and I think Calgarians are ready for fall



Fashion-forward one-of-a-kind clothes and accessories will be available at the Portobello Fashion and Art Market this weekend at Stampede Park.

fashion."

But the Metro-sponsored show isn't limited to clothing, as jewelry, accessories and art are also sure to

catch the eyes of shoppers," she added.

The market runs from today to Sunday at Stampede Park and admission is

\$5 and free for children under 12.

For more information visit <http://calgary.portobellowest.com/>.

Spelling whiz bound for regional bee

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One young spelling bee whiz is buzzing all the way to Vancouver to vie for the distinction of Canada's Super Speller. Ten-year-old Preetha Gopalakrishnan is the only qualifier for the regionals from Calgary and she hopes to win against



the 15 other

finalists. "I like the way the words are put together and used to describe things," she said. "I just find it really interesting."

While Preetha is a reading and writing fanatic, she also has other goals.

"I want to be a diplomat or a neurologist," she said.

The regional spelldowns for the CBC televised competition were held yesterday in Vancouver and the top four go to the nationals in Nova Scotia to compete for a \$20,000 RESP.

## Calgary Police Commission



### PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, September 16th, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Triwood Community Association  
2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW

### Agenda to include presentations on:

- Ensuring a bias-free approach to policing
- Policing in District 3
- CPS Quarterly Reports

**Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions**

Information is available on the Commission's website [www.calgary.ca/policecommission](http://www.calgary.ca/policecommission) or by calling 403.206.8914

## City says 'good boy' to pet licensers

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The city will be giving pet owners a treat next month.

Starting Monday and running until Oct. 15, Animal and Bylaw services will run a pet licensing campaign designed to en-

courage first-time pet owners to participate in the program and also reward regular licensers for their commitment.

"I believe all Calgarians would benefit 100 per cent if the city's pet population was licensed," bylaw boss Bill Bruce said.

The city will be in parks rewarding the citizens

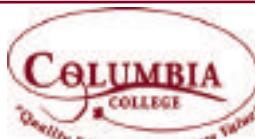
who regularly licence their dogs and will also randomly select cat owners with licensed cats to receive a complimentary year of licensing.

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Statistics Canada released numbers yesterday showing Calgary's rate of growth for new house prices decreased 0.3 per cent in July from the year before, which is the lowest rate in 12 years. METRO CALGARY

# Charity in Stelmach's roots

Premier tees off second annual Ed's Swing game

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**Premier Ed Stelmach fell off a children's slide, breaking his left femur, putting him in traction for nearly three months as a kid.**

His time in the hospital, which forced him to become ambidextrous in everything but golf, left a lasting impression.

Stelmach's never forgotten the work of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, who taught him to read and write through the first half of Grade 1 or the economic hard-times Alberta went through back then. From addictions to abuse in the home, the premier of Canada's most economically strong province said there are Alberta families struggling to get by and charity organizations can address their troubles much better than his government can.

"Voluntary organizations identify need much better

than a government can and they also deliver those services much more effectively and efficiently," Stelmach told Metro exclusively yesterday just before teeing off on his second annual Ed's Swing for Charity at McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, benefiting Neighbourlink and High-Fidelity Wraparound.

"Through intervention like this, we support those families, so chances are we'll save the children before they get involved in criminal activity or turn towards the bad instead of sticking it through school and doing well and them themselves becoming very responsible members of society."

Stelmach's wife Marie, a mother of four, said making the difference in the life of a child is the best way to ensure a stable future for generations to come.

"They're our future and they're going to be there to take care of us one day," she said.



Premier Ed Stelmach takes a few practice swings at the McKenzie Meadows Golf Club yesterday where the second annual Ed's Swing for Charity fundraised for Neighbourlink and High-Fidelity Wraparound.

# Home invasion not a random target: Cops

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**ATTACKERS** Police are saying a terrifying home invasion in the northeast on Wednesday was not random in nature and believe the home was targeted.

Investigators believe the attackers may know associates of the family and are still working to de-

termine a motive, but they don't think the victims were targeted specifically.

City cops are now looking for five men, some of whom were masked, after the young couple was held at gunpoint, tied up and threatened while the suspects ransacked the house and stole cash, jewelry, electronics and a vehicle. A two-month-old baby was unharmed.

## info

- Anyone with information is asked to call police at 403-266-1234.

# Cooking of illegal drugs led to kitten-killing-fire: Arson unit

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**OCCUPANTS** Fire crews have determined a fire that killed four kittens and sent two people to hospital on Wednesday started while the occupants were cooking drugs.

City cops are now investigating and the arson unit

believes the fire started with the misuse of a propane torch while in the process of cooking the illicit substances.

Initially six cats were reported missing and all of them have now been accounted for. Two adult cats made it to safety but four kittens perished in the fire.

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Police interrogators must tailor their approach to each young offender when explaining their rights, by taking into account factors that may affect their understanding such as learning disabilities, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada

***"I decided to take a stance that clearly reflects my convictions"***

Montreal's archbishop Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, right, speaking about his decision to renounce his Order of Canada.



## Abortion

Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte is protesting abortion rights crusader Henry Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Outbreak tests 'inexcusable'

Doctor bashes long delays

When the first hints of a listeria outbreak emerged from a Toronto nursing home in mid-July, it took more than three weeks for health officials to get test results from labs in Ottawa and Winnipeg.

That is far too long, microbiology experts now concede, delaying the response of public health officials and allowing the spread of disease to continue. And it's much longer than U.S. officials take to identify food-borne health risks and tell the public.

"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days in order to get an answer back," says Dr. Don Low, medical director of Ontario's



**"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days."**

Dr. Don Low

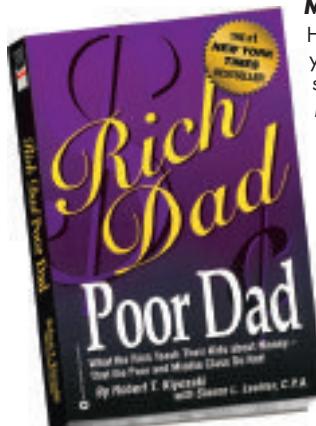
provincial lab in Toronto which was unequipped to handle such testing five years after the SARS outbreak. "The (Ontario) public health lab should be doing it. That has to change."

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## Taser report acquired

**POLICIES** The RCMP did not do "due diligence" when it approved the Taser stun gun for use as a less-than-lethal weapon by its officers, a hard-hitting independent review concludes.

The report was ordered up by RCMP commissioner Bill Elliott following the uproar over the death last October of a Polish immigrant shot by a Taser weapon by RCMP at the Vancouver airport.

Submitted in June to Elliott but not made public, the review says the RCMP relied too much on the advice of the Taser's Ameri-

### taser use

- The report, obtained yesterday under Access to Information, slams the use by policy officers of the term "excited delirium" to describe combative, resistant suspects, saying it is an excuse to justify firing the stun gun's charge.

can manufacturer in developing its policies and did not consult widely enough with medical and mental health experts about its impact on people.

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### News in brief

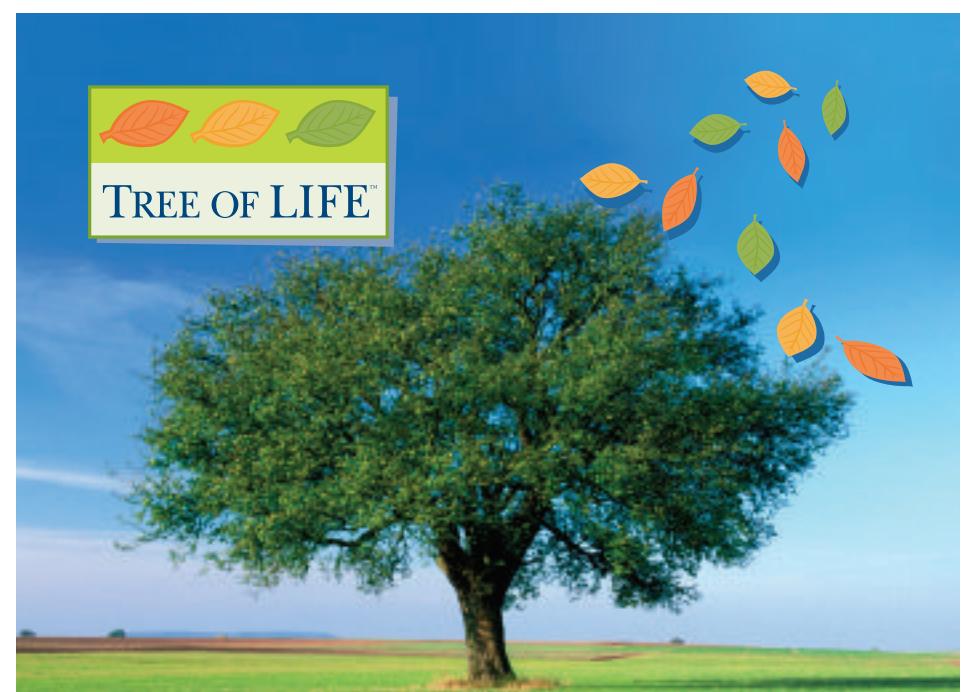
**KFC MARRIAGE** Two animal-rights activists got married yesterday at a Toronto Kentucky Fried Chicken. After saying their vows bride Alex Bury and

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## Liberals

## N.B. premier backs Dion

**ENDORSEMENT** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion received the backing of New

Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham yesterday, though the Liberal premier's endorsement of Dion's Green Shift plan was more nuanced.

Graham endorsed Dion, saying, "I feel a kinship to Stéphane Dion — I know what it's like to be underestimated."

Graham was often accused of being a weak and ineffective leader of the provincial Liberals before he defeated former Conservative premier Bernard Lord in 2006.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves a campaign rally yesterday at a vineyard in St-Eustache, Que.

## Tax threatens unity: Harper

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper has revived Canada's unity debate with a stark warning that the Liberals' proposed carbon tax would plunge the country into a "big recession," creating economic turmoil that would give life to Quebec's separatist movement.**

"By undermining the economy and re-centralizing money and power in Ottawa, it can only undermine the progress that we have been making on national unity," Harper told a Montreal audience of young business leaders.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion quickly rejected the incendiary charge yesterday, firing back with the claim that while he was

fighting to keep the country intact, Harper was fuelling regional divisions.

"While he was busy talking about building firewalls in the West, I was fighting to keep my country together. Because I love Canada," said Dion, who in 1999 helped craft legislation designed to ensure separatists could not break up the country on the basis of a loosely worded referendum question.

The "firewall" reference stems from a letter written by Harper when he was president of the National Citizens' Coalition calling on Alberta to assume greater powers in order to shelter it from punitive measures from Ottawa.

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## NDP

## Layton plans cap-and-trade

**ENVIRONMENT** The New Democratic Party would implement a cap-and-trade system to cut 80 per cent of greenhouse gases by 2050 by punishing big polluters, leader Jack Layton said.



Jack Layton

The NDP plan for the environment would also put a halt to any further tar sand development in Alberta because "it is the largest environmental challenge facing Canada," Layton told a rally yesterday in the heart of Montreal.

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## Halifax

The ruling party was left scrambling this week when Tory hopeful Rosamond Luke — fined in 2006 for uttering threats — withdrew in a hurry. Interested in running in this N-dipper stronghold? Prime Minister Stephen Harper comes to Halifax this morning, so bring your resume — and your clean criminal record. Green giant Elizabeth May, campaigning against Bluenose political heavyweight Peter MacKay, celebrated her invite to the federal leaders' debate in Pictou, N.S. Will those national headlines help her win her uphill battle in Central Nova? Only time will tell.

## Montreal

Every election, it's the same story. Does the Bloc and its leader, Gilles Duceppe, have a

place in Ottawa? This time, the attacks weren't coming from the other parties, but from the separatist family. Ex-Parti Québécois minister Jacques Brassard said Wednesday that the Bloc leans too much to the left, that the party wasn't talking enough about sovereignty and that it was becoming a clone of the NDP. "The Bloc is there to defend the ideas and requests of Quebecers, regardless of the left and right ideologies," Duceppe said.

## Ottawa

The major parties used Ottawa as a launch pad for the 2008 federal election race. Travel plans were at the fore as Prime Minister Stephen Harper boarded a plane for Quebec City and later jetted to Vancouver. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion wasn't travel-

ling first class to open the campaign as the party waited too long to procure a plane. Eventually, the Liberals were able to find a 30-year-old Boeing 737, but not before Dion boarded a bus to visit Ottawa South. NDP Leader Jack Layton opened his campaign against the backdrop of Parliament Hill by announcing he wanted to take Harper's portfolio as prime minister. He then flew to Calgary to campaign in the prime minister's riding. Green Leader Elizabeth May's visit to the Ottawa Mission formed the basis for her policy on eliminating poverty.

## Toronto

Jobs and money. Money and jobs. They are what makes a political campaign go round. Both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion got an earful

during the opening week on the hustings in the GTA. Mississauga, Ont., Mayor "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion lashed out at both leaders, demanding they do more to help with infrastructure in Canadian cities. On the job front, Harper said, "We can't guarantee your jobs," when asked about 500 more job cuts at the Ford Oakville, Ont., assembly plant.

## Calgary

It has been a fairly quiet week on Calgary's federal election front as a majority of the city's comfortable Conservative MPs left town to lend a hand in other ridings across the country with much more at stake. On Tuesday, though, University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the environment had supplanted health care as Canadians' top

issue and called them both "bogus" issues.

## Edmonton

The stranglehold the federal Conservatives have on Alberta means few visits from national leaders but Edmonton did have a close encounter with one of the party honchos this week. NDP Leader Jack Layton was in the 780 area code briefly on Monday as his campaign plane flew past the Alberta capital headed for the Northwest Territories. Layton did get a little closer to Fort McMurray, though, as his NDPlane dipped to 1,500 metres to view the effect giant oil sands developments have had on the northern landscape.

## Vancouver

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton both visited Vancouver on Monday, the first full day of campaigning — strong evidence that the key to 24 Sussex Drive may lie in B.C. In a carefully staged effort to woo middle-class and ethnic voters, Harper spoke to reporters from the home of Richmond, B.C., resident Edwin Huang. He fed Cheerios to Huang's infant son and touted the Tories' \$1,200 a year taxable benefit to parents of young children. Later in the day, Layton told about 250 supporters in MP David Emerson's riding that an NDP government would ban MPs from floor-crossing like Emerson did. Outside, a small but vocal group of young Liberals shouted tirelessly that "a vote for the NDP is a vote for Harper" leading to a Wild West-style showdown with Layton supporters.



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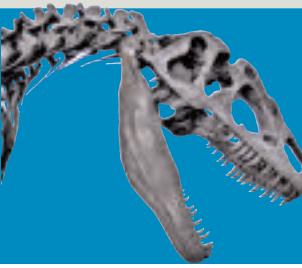


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A major fire aboard a freight train damaged the undersea Channel Tunnel yesterday halting all rail traffic between Britain and continental Europe, the tunnel operator said. The blaze turned one of the two main tunnel shafts into a smoking inferno. No one was killed, but six people fell ill. **REUTERS**

# World



## Dinos got lucky, scientists say

Thanks to a stroke of luck 200 million years ago, dinosaurs beat out ancestors of present-day crocodiles, called crurotarsans, for the right to rule Earth. The crurotarsans had a larger overall range of body types and diets, but some planetary calamity 200 million years ago - climate change or a large meteorite impact - nearly wiped out the crurotarsans while sparing the dinos.

**REUTERS**

## Republican stars take a shine to McCain

**ELECTION** Sarah Palin represents many things Hollywood liberals love to hate, yet she possesses two key qualities they admire — star appeal and a great script.

Hollywood Republicans — often overshadowed by their left-leaning peers — are seeking to capitalize on the celebrity of John McCain's running mate by drumming up support.

"She's certainly got star appeal and is the kind of candidate that is made for Hollywood. I offered to throw her a fundraiser myself," said MGM chief Harry Sloan, one of Hollywood's most vocal Republicans.

Palin's campaign managers were inundated with similar requests from all over the country after her national debut at the Republican National Conven-

tion on Sept. 3.

"There are a significant group of Republican supporters in Hollywood, but they're just not as outspoken," said analyst Allan Hoffenblum.

Filmmakers, producers and executives are fascinated by the story of McCain's running mate, including her "hockey mom" persona and love for hunting, analysts say.

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Cazzandra Peterson tosses a rose into the reflecting pool in Ground Zero during the Seventh Anniversary September 11 Commemoration Ceremony in New York yesterday.

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## U.S. honours Sept. 11 victims

In a sombre ceremony at the Pentagon, U.S.

president George W. Bush yesterday dedicated the first major Sept. 11 memorial on the anniversary of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

"Seven years ago at this hour a doomed airliner plunged from the sky, split the rock and steel of this building and changed our world forever," Bush said.

Military members unveiled 184 granite-and-steel benches in the memorial park that represent each of the victims killed in the Pentagon attack.

The memorial, by New York designers Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, also features maple trees and light pools in a park of gravel. The benches are

### Rivals remember

• Presidential rivals John McCain and Barack Obama suspended their skirmishing in honor of the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, taking campaign ads off the air and making a rare appearance together.

arranged according to the victims' ages.

The attack on the Pentagon took place at 9:37 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington's Dulles International Airport smashed into the U.S. military headquarters.

The crash killed 125 people in the Pentagon, along with the plane's 59 passengers and crew and the five hijackers.

**REUTERS**

## Afghanistan backs strikes in Pakistan

**TALIBAN** Afghan President Hamid Karzai backed a proposed U.S. strategy yesterday to hit al Qaeda and Taliban militants in Pakistan, but NATO said it would not join the raids.

Pakistan's army chief General Ashfaq Kayani has said his country would not allow foreign troops to conduct operations on its soil, warning that Pakistan's sovereignty would be defended "at all cost."

But The New York Times reported that U.S. president George Bush secretly approved orders in July allowing forces to carry out assaults inside Pakistan without approval from its government.

**REUTERS**

### News in brief

**SPACE** NASA cleared the launch system being developed to replace the space shuttle for a design review yesterday, confident the Ares rocket will meet technical, safety and budget requirements. The rockets are designed to carry a capsule-style spacecraft called Orion, which can fly to the moon as well as to the space station.

**ISRAEL** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Thursday he would resign immediately after his Kadima party chooses a new leader in an election scheduled for next week.

Israeli police on Sunday recommended Olmert face criminal charges, saying they had evidence he illegally received money from a U.S. man and made duplicate claims for travel expenses when he served as mayor of Jerusalem and trade and industry minister.

**REUTERS**

**Where have all the flamingos gone?**

Most of southern Bahamian island of Great Inagua's 60,000 flamingos took off before Ike arrived and have not been seen since, say the island's national parks officials. **REUTERS**

## Accused Afghani drug lord on trial in New York

**TERRORISM** An accused Afghan drug kingpin on trial in New York for conspiring to import more than \$50 million worth of heroin was portrayed by prosecutors yesterday as a warlord who helped the Taliban come to power.

But defence lawyers countered that Bashir Noorzai, 47, was an Afghan patriot who agreed to cooperate with the United States in the hopes of ensuring the country's stability only to be duped by U.S. authorities who arrested him.

"He brought (his) enormous power to the United States and said, 'It's yours,'" his lawyer Ivan Fisher told jurors in opening arguments at Manhattan federal court.

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### The charges

- Noorzai was arrested in April 2005 after President Bush identified him as one of the world's most wanted drug traffickers.
- Prosecutors allege Noorzai gave the Taliban explosives and weapons in return for protection of his opium crops.

"The government decided instead to arrest him and prosecute him."

They said Noorzai controlled poppy fields to make opium, and maintain his organization used laboratories in Afghanistan and Pakistan to process the opium into heroin.

**REUTERS**

## U.S. to vote on offshore drilling

**OIL** The U.S. House of Representatives could vote next week on energy legislation that would open nearly all of the U.S. coastline to offshore drilling while repealing tax breaks for oil companies to help fund investments in alternative energy, Democratic

leaders said yesterday.

Democrats had said they hoped to hold a vote on the energy package this week, but the House will be closed today so Texas lawmakers can return to their districts to prepare as Hurricane Ike approaches.

**REUTERS**

## Alleged plot to kill Chavez uncovered

**Venezuela yesterday interrogated military officers named in recordings of an apparent plan to kill President Hugo Chavez, in what may be the firmest evidence in years of a barracks plot to oust him.**

Ministers and legislators rallied to denounce the alleged plan with a flurry of news conferences. Chavez, a former paratrooper believed to have a tight grip on the army, talks frequently of plots against him but rarely produces evidence.

During a live broadcast shown on all television stations, Chavez played audio recordings he said were of retired officers discussing their infiltration of military bases and ways to kill the president. The recordings first appeared on a Venezuelan television program late Wednesday.

On one tape, a voice ascribed to retired air force Gen. Eduardo Baez calls for a united effort to remove Chavez from the Miraflores presidential palace.

**Voice on tape alleged to be Gen. Eduardo Baez**

"If he's in (the palace), all our efforts must be there," the voice says. "When he arrives from a trip, either blow him up, capture him with airborne planes, or with troops when he arrives."

Chavez was ousted briefly in a coup six years ago but massive street protests put him back in office.

He regularly accuses Washington of plotting his overthrow and this week let Russian bombers land in Venezuela as part of a drive to weaken U.S. influence in Latin America.

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**"When he arrives from a trip, either blow him up, capture him with airborne planes, or with troops when he arrives."**

**Voice on tape alleged to be Gen. Eduardo Baez**

## Pakistan Paying respect



Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, widower of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, scatters rose petals at the grave of his father-in-law Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto near Larkana yesterday.

NADEEM SOOMRO/REUTERS

## News in brief

**EXPelled** The United States has decided to expel the Bolivian ambassador, the State Department said yesterday, a swift U.S. reaction to La Paz's move to oust the U.S. envoy.

**ZIMBABWE** President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai agreed to share power yesterday in a deal to end Zimbabwe's political crisis, both sides said.

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# Business

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## Housing prices keep slowing

**The increase in price of a new house slowed in July for the sixth month in a row, mostly because of a softening market in Western Canada.**

Statistics Canada says selling prices for new houses were up 2.7 per cent year-over-year in July, slower than the 3.5 per cent June increase.

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Regina, where the cost of a new house skyrocketed 29.6 per cent, though that was down from a 34 per cent April record increase.

Builders in Newfoundland and Labrador say material, labour and land development costs contributed to the fourth consecutive record price increase there of 24.3 per cent.

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## July trade numbers weak

**ECONOMY** Canada's trade surplus narrowed more than expected in July to \$4.85 billion, said Statistics Canada, helping set the stage for weak economic growth numbers.

Imports grew twice as

fast as exports, and energy exports fell for the first time in nine months. However, analysts said it was encouraging that imports and exports had risen in real and nominal terms.

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## Rome Airline workers protest



A union member of Italian airline Alitalia holds a noose around his neck during a protest in Rome as an Italian investor group leading a bailout of Alitalia began make-or-break talks with the bankrupt carrier's powerful unions.



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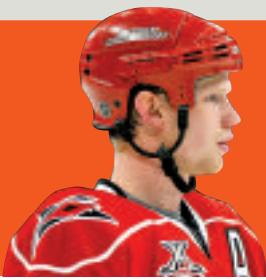
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# Sports



## Staal inks \$57.75M extension

The Carolina Hurricanes signed centre Eric Staal, left, to a seven-year, \$57.75 million dollar contract extension yesterday. The deal begins with the 2009-10 NHL season and extends through the 2015-16 season, paying Staal an average of \$8.25 million per season. A two-time All-Star, the 23-year-old Staal tallied 38 goals and 82 points last season.

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# Ex-CFLer says league not 'serious'

'It was like being paid to play junior-college football,' NFLer Brendon Ayanbadejo says

### York Report

**Marty York**

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Many here in Canada tend to take the CFL seriously, but just how seriously do its players take it?

**Brendon Ayanbadejo**, a linebacker who spent two seasons earlier this decade with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions and is a member these days of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, has some face-slapping views about the CFL. When asked by the Balti-

#### foul ball

• The mother-in-law of White Sox pitcher Javier Vazquez was hit in the head by a foul ball while he was pitching against the Blue Jays in Chicago this week. She fainted but, we're told, wasn't seriously injured.

more Sun this week what the CFL was like, Ayanbadejo said this (brace yourself):

"It was like being paid to play junior-college football. Junior college was fun, but it was definitely not as serious as Division One, and the CFL is definitely not nearly as serious as the NFL. You get paid to do it, and you have fun and trav-

el around Canada and learn about other people and other customs, but ..."

Ouch.

If you think about it, though, the CFL really is perceived generally as nothing but a stepping stone by U.S. players aiming to make the NFL.

Heck, Winnipeg veteran **Milt Stegall**, who can set the CFL's receiving record with 17 yards during the Bombers' game in Toronto tonight, ended up in Canada only because he failed in NFL tryouts. And even **Don Matthews**, the ornery head coach who returns to the sidelines with the Argos tonight, is the CFL career leader in wins only because his many applications to the NFL were rejected.

I have some thoughts on Matthews, incidentally, and you can read them and other CFL-oriented notes in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca).

• Two B.C. natives are in the running to be chosen MVP in the AL this season. **Justin Morneau** and **Jason Bay** have been major contributors to the playoff runs for

the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox, respectively, and will draw votes from voting baseball reporters.

There is an issue, however, that could prevent Bay from getting sufficient support. It's the same issue that may hurt the chances of the Los Angeles Dodgers' **Manny Ramirez** and/or the Milwaukee Brewers' **C.C. Sabathia** in the running for NL MVP. All three joined their teams after mid-

season, inter-league trades.

"People are talking about not voting for Jason, Manny or C.C. because they came from other leagues, but that's pure nonsense," said ESPN analyst **Rick Sutcliffe**, a former MLB pitcher. "Why should these guys be penalized because they were traded? Forget about that other-league stuff. We have inter-league games now and we should have inter-league MVPs."

• And look for ex-Blue Jays pitcher **Bud Black** to be fired as the San Diego Padres' manager right after the season.

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## Blue Jays stay hot, beat White Sox

### Blue Jays 6 White Sox 4

**MLB** Lyle Overbay and Scott Rolen each drove in two runs, as the Toronto Blue Jays bested the Chicago White Sox, 6-4 last night, at U.S. Cellular Field.

Marco Scutaro finished 3-for-4 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored for the Blue Jays, who have won 11 of their last 12 games.

Shaun Marcum (9-6) gave up two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and one walk over 7 1/2 innings to get the win. B.J. Ryan struck out the side in the ninth to notch his 29th save.

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Toronto Blue Jays' Rod Barajas, right, and Lyle Overbay celebrate scoring on the Chicago White Sox during last night's game. The Jays beat the White Sox 6-4.

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### Sports in brief

**NBA** Orlando Magic forward Pat Garrity announced his retirement from the NBA yesterday. Garrity logged 7.3 points and 2.6 rebounds in 20 minutes per game throughout his 10-year career.

**NFL** Hurricane Ike has forced Sunday's National Football League game between the Houston Texans and Baltimore Ravens to be moved to Monday. The home-opener for Houston was originally scheduled for 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, but will now take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

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## Pretty women



Screen siren Eva Mendes, right, says she took the role of a manipulative, home-wrecking femme fatale in the movie The Women because she couldn't pass up an all-female, powerhouse cast, including Meg Ryan, left.

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# Screen siren

## Eva Mendes makes sexy work

TINA CHADHA  
for Metro Canada

**"If Martin Scorsese called with a great script and a role for me as a femme fatale, I'm going to take it," says Eva Mendes.**

She certainly doesn't shy away from the screen siren roles — such as her breakthrough as Denzel Washington's girlfriend in *Training Days* and the perfume spritzing, manipulative "other woman" in *The Women*, opening today — that often get thrown her way. Oh, and don't forget that sensual Calvin Klein ad campaign, either.

"In life, you get certain opportunities and you make due with what you have," explains the 30-year-old.

"I never just take a role. It's never a frivolous decision, or a decision based on money only. It's always, 'How is this going to improve me as an actress? How is this going to play a big picture in my career?'

A seasoned supporting cast definitely helps in the decision making process. For Mendes, *The Women* — a recreation of the 1939 comedy about a group of wealthy friends — starring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Candice Bergen and Bette Midler, was a no-brainer.

"It's such a boys club in Hollywood, you have to take these films when they come up," she says about the all female cast.

The hope for the film is, like *Sex in the City* and *Mamma*

Mia!, this forward-thinking chick flick of sorts will help drive more ladies to the theater.

"If studios see that women are flocking to supporting each other and to see each others' movies, they'll start writing better roles for us," says the Cuban-American, who also hopes this will eventually trickle down to better roles for ethnic women.

"There's never an Indian woman portrayed, and Asian women? Where are the Asian women out there?" she exclaims. "We really need to see some more diversity."

Mendes plans to keep paving the way in that respect, leading with her craft, not always her looks.

"What I feel that I have to offer that no one has tapped



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Eva Mendes revels in the role of sex symbol.

into is range," she insists. "I have incredible range because I'm actually a trained actress; I've been studying for nine years. Because I study my craft I feel very confident that if you put me in a room with any director I will deliver." Mendes pauses, contemplatively. "I'm not given those opportunity as much, but that's part of

the process," she adds. It's a really positive attitude to have in an industry that is relentlessly scrutinizing — especially after this trying year, when Mendes checked herself into a rehab facility. Maybe the self-esteem stems from the support system in her own life. Her personal group of gals — mom, sisters, best friends

from junior high — all accompanied her to the premiere of *The Women* ("I couldn't make a move without them"). At home, Mendes, along with long-time boyfriend George Augusto, is starting a décor line called *Vida* ("Interior design and architecture are my passions").

And while she's dying to exercise that range and stretch her funny bone in a full-out comedy — think: the Cohen brother's slapstick style — next up for Mendes is *The Spirit*.

"I play a major femme fatale in that one," she says mischievously. "But it's so fun. She's a jewel thief."

Which all of a sudden makes sense, considering jewel thieves are sexy by profession alone.

"See," she says, laughing at that thought. "How can I complain playing such a great character? I'm playing opposite Scarlett Johansson, one of my favorite actresses, and I'm playing under the direction of Frank Miller, who's a creative genius."

We say, work it, girl.

## Mendes and others aside, *The Women* plays like long sitcom

STEVE VEALE  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** First of all, purists be warned. The classic 1939 George Cukor film *The Women*, based on the Broadway play by Claire

Luce Booth, was a biting indictment of the social times and starred legendary Hollywood actresses. This is not that. Annette Bening leads a trendy group of Manhattan friends played by Meg Ryan, Debra Messing and Jada Pinkett Smith.

### The Women

**Director:** Diane English**Stars:** Annette Bening, Meg Ryan, Eva Mendes, Jada Pinkett Smith**Classification:** STC**Rating:** ●●½

Yes in fact, in the hands of writer/director Diane English, the movie often seems like an extended episode of *Sex and The City* for the menopausal set. English is the creative genius behind 10 years of TV's *Murphy Brown* — and that's the problem.

The movie plays like a TV sitcom. One-liners replace emotion. A husband's infidelity, which should be emotionally gut wrenching, is played for cheap zingers. With the possible exception of a wonderful Cloris Leachman, no one is looking for Oscar gold here.

Although, there is some excellent work by the sexy home wrecker Eva Mendes, motormouth manicurist Deb Mazur, and a very classy Candice Bergen — *Murphy Brown* herself.

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### Burn After Reading

**Directors:** Joel And Ethan Coen**Stars:** George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt**Classification:** 14A**Rating:** ●●●

**REVIEW** Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, *No Country For Old Men*, the auteur siblings have returned.

In typical Coen style they made a 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller to a fast-paced comedic farce.

Given that *No Country* saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of *Raising Arizona* and *The Big Lebowski*.

Unfortunately that didn't happen. The film stars Brad Pitt and Francis McDormand as a pair of dimwitted personal trainers who stumble upon a CD filled with the financial records of a former CIA employee (John Malkovich). Convinced that they have sensitive data, the pair attempt to blackmail Malkovich and as you can expect, things don't go well. George Clooney, who appears as



Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand in *Burn After Reading*.

the sex-obsessed lover of both McDormand and Malkovich's wife, inadvertently finds himself entangled in the mess. Ultimately, the movie plays out like a loose collection of funny characters and ideas linked together by a half-hearted plot. As a simple comedy, it certainly works and will provide plenty of laughs, but the Coen brothers are capable of more.



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# An overrated combination?

De Niro and Pacino pairing leaves much to be desired

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### Righteous Kill

**Director:** Jon Avnet  
**Stars:** Robert De Niro, Al Pacino  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ●●

**REVIEW** The publicity for Jon Avnet's Righteous Kill is committed to selling the film around Robert De Niro and Al Pacino sharing the screen, as if such an event were a natural phenomenon somewhere on the order of Halley's Comet.

The fact is that the two men have been in the same film twice before, once in

**"50 Cent, in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his Scarface poster autographed, adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting."**

Michael Mann's overrated Heat, and the first time a long cinematic epoch ago in Godfather II — before either of them had the post-Brando stature they enjoy today, and where they were after all never onscreen together, being separated by several decades and many flashbacks. The fact is that if there were a compelling reason to pair Pacino and De Niro like some sort of twitchy, bellowing Martin and Lewis, it would have been done many times by now.

The two men might be able to steal scenes from lesser actors, but together their onscreen chemistry is like diet soda and a candy



This rarely happens in a movie. There may be good reason for it.

bar — fine on their own, but together they diminish the other's pleasures and benefits and leave us feeling twice as remorseful.

The plot, a purposefully confusing mess involving vigilante cops and a drug lord played by rapper 50 Cent, in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his Scarface poster autographed, adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting. Avnet is, after all, the

same man who recently brought us the flatlined thriller 88 Minutes that Pacino seemed to amble through as if he'd gotten lost on his way to the Apple Store. Pity poor Carla Gugino, who once again accepts a role that requires her to be brutalized, in a scene that might have had some painful resonance if we'd been given any reason to care about the guilt or innocence of the two men at the centre of the story.

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**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:9:55

**Iron Man** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:10-9:50

**Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:6:50

**The Longshots** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30

**Mongol** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

**Sex and the City** Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-8

**Space Chimps** (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:05

**Wanted** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:50

**The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (14A) Fri-Thu 4:7-15:9:35

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**Bangkok Dangerous** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:45-10:20

**Burn After Reading** (14A) Fri-Mon 12:55-7:10-9:50 Tue 3:35-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:35-7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Tue 1

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**Pineapple Express** (18A) Fri-Thu 4:20-10

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**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30

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**Traitor** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:10

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## Music

## Female artists top U.K.'s MOBO list

**AWARDS** British female artists dominate Britain's Music of Black Origin (MOBO) nominations this year, with R&B singer Estelle in the running for five prizes, it was announced yesterday.

The 28-year-old, who went to No. 1 with American Boy in, is up for best song, best female artist, best R&B/soul, best video and best album. Her album Shine was edged out for the Mercury Prize earlier this week by rock outsiders Elbow.

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crates full of LPs going for a penny apiece.

Even the radio station I worked at was going digital with our move into a new building. Almost two decades' worth of vinyl was going to be just thrown away. (It's OK, though, because the staff came to the rescue. I literally backed up a Ryder truck and took home about 5,000 pieces. They're safely and lovingly stored in my basement.)

But that was 1995. Despite the industry's best attempts to kill it off, vinyl did not become extinct. Collectors kept collecting. DJs preferred the tactile feel and action of vinyl on turntables. And manufacturers kept making vinyl records and turntables, including ones for audiophiles who never believed the hype of CDs in the first place. And while vinyl's share of the market for pre-recorded music dropped to

almost zero, it's never become extinct.

Today, strange things are happening in the vinyl market. Manufacturing plants are having a hard time keeping up with orders. Major labels are expanding the number of vinyl releases (Check out Warner's [becauseitmatter.com](http://becauseitmatter.com)). Vinyl sections are reappearing in both bricks-and-mortar stores and in special sections in places like Amazon. Sales numbers are still small — only 1.3 million records were sold in the U.S. last year — but that represents a 37 per cent increase over 2006.

And it's not older people driving the market — it's the iPod Generation.

The sheer inconvenience of vinyl — its size, cost, poor portability, fragility, rarity, etc. — is being embraced by young fans as a way of showing how much



they care about music. Anyone can download an MP3 for free — but to search for, purchase and then consume music through something as ancient and anachronistic as a record on a turntable? Now that's love. That's dedication. That's downright exotic.

The prospects for more

vinyl releases are very good. Now if I could only remember where I packed away my turntable ...

More on vinyl's second life today at [ongoinghistory.com](http://ongoinghistory.com)

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## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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In the early and middle '90s, it seemed that everyone on the planet was looking to dump their vinyl record collections in favour of CDs because we all bought the line about "perfect sound, forever."

Music stores couldn't phase out their vinyl sections fast enough and fans feared that turntables and stylus would go the way of the 8-track. Used record stores were swamped and every garage sale had milk

## TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. I Kissed a Girl, Katy Perry
2. Just Dance, Lady GaGa
3. Disturbia, Rihanna
4. When I Grow Up, The Pussycat Dolls
5. A Milli, Lil Wayne
6. Lollipop, Lil Wayne
7. Crazy B\*tch, Buckcherry
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## Cole cameo

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# Idol wears crown proudly



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## T-H-E-O. His fans root for him by shaking neon coloured Bristol board letters that spell his name in the air.

He's got an astute, confident expression in his face, and each week he impressed a panel of music industry professionals and millions of viewers.

But despite his obvious exterior poise, newly named Canadian Idol Theo Tams admits he is brimming with insecurity.

"From my first audition, when I walked in with pit stains the size of Montana, I think that I had no choice but to really be myself," said the 23-year-old Lethbridge, Alta. student over a celebratory beer after learning he had won the coveted Idol title.

After four million votes, Canadians chose Tams as the new Idol.

## Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

### 1 Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III, by Christopher Paolini

Already a No. 1 bestseller on Amazon.ca even though it doesn't come out until Sept. 20, Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III blends fantasy and science fiction in the story of Eragon, who struggles with promises and choices in his hope to rid the land of tyranny

**5 Pumpkin**  
Expect this great gourd to start popping up just about everywhere: Not just in consumable items — pies, loafs and lattes — but in body lotions, face masks and home fragrance items, like sprays and candles.



### 2 Smallville: The Complete Seventh Season

Just released on Tuesday, this six-DVD box set on the Superman series features un-air scenes, commentary by the cast and creator, a Jimmy On Jimmy featurette bringing together Jimmy Olsens past (Jack Larson and Marc McClure) and present (Aaron Ashmore and Sam Huntington), and more.

### 3 Michael Phelps

He can swim, but can he be funny, too? Michael Phelps, who recently won a record-breaking eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, hosts the season premiere of Saturday Night Live tomorrow night. Lil Wayne is the musical act.

### 6 Solange Knowles

Solange Knowles is out to make her own musical mark, without help from her famous older sister Beyoncé, thank you very much. In her second album, Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams, she sings, "I'm not her and never will be/Two girls gone in different directions, striving towards the same galaxy/Let my star light shine on its own" in the song God Given Name.



### 4 Feminine hair clips

For minimum fuss with maximum effect, clips featuring girly touches like butterflies and tartan buttons will dress up hairstyles through fall and winter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

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### 7 The Quilt, by Gym Class Heroes

The Quilt, the fourth studio album by the band Gym Class Heroes has been recently released, but fans who have yet to get their hands on the CD can go to [www.muchmusic.com/music/1stspin/gymclassheroes/](http://www.muchmusic.com/music/1stspin/gymclassheroes/) to hear the disc in its entirety.

**MoreOnline**  
For an interview with Mitch MacDonald, this season's runner-up on Canadian Idol, visit our website at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

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## Continuing Education

"From that moment, I said to myself, 'I have insecurities. I have weaknesses just like anybody else,'" he said, clutching his pint of Heineken, "But there's no reason why I can't step up and take this."

On a program like Canadian Idol, where finding success relies on selling yourself, Tams said he was able to take away a sense of gratification in knowing he had beat his self-doubt. "That's the biggest thing I'm proud of, that I was able to be myself for the whole entire show and people fell in love with that."

While music is a comfort, Theo says it, "Should also be a challenge to you to step up and be better than you were the day before."

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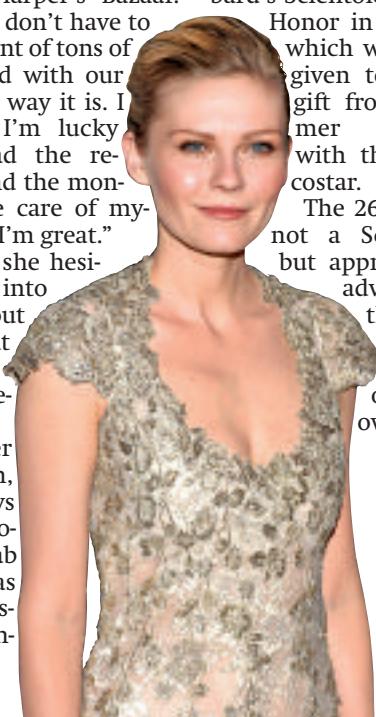
## Celebrity Buzz

## Dunst learned a lot in rehab

**PEOPLE** Kirsten Dunst says she's "learned a lot" after checking into rehab earlier this year for depression and is now in a different place in her life," People.com reports.

"Everyone goes through a hard time in their life," Dunst says in the October issue of Harper's Bazaar. "They just don't have to do it in front of tons of people and with our media the way it is. I did, and I'm lucky that I had the resources and the money to take care of myself. Now, I'm great."

Though she hesitates to go into details about her stint at Cirque Lodge, a rehabilitation center in Utah, Dunst says prior to going to rehab she was "enormously co-dependent."



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## McLachlan, hubby split

**RELATIONSHIPS** Sarah McLachlan is separating from her husband, Ashwin Sood, the singer tells Billboard.com.

"I haven't said anything about it because I've been terrified," she said. "But I figure ... there's no good time to say it, so I just said it."



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## Ellen upset celeb pals

**PEOPLE** Newlyweds Portia De Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres upset a host of celebrity pals by uninviting them to their summer nuptials, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

DeGeneres has revealed the couple had originally planned to turn their big day into a star-studded affair, but the pair scaled back when word leaked about the ceremony.

The comedienne instructed wedding planner Mindy Weiss to alert friends the

wedding would no longer be a big bash, and the couple instead wed at their home, surrounded only by family and close friends.

"We had 150, 200 people originally, we were gonna do a huge wedding and then at the last minute, we called her (Weiss) and said, 'Please call and uninvite everybody because we just can't do it; it's too stressful,'" DeGeneres says.

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## Mariah opposes tell-all

**PEOPLE** Mariah Carey wants to quash parts of an explosive tell-all being penned by her former record producer Damion "Damizza" Young, who says he'll bare details of the "intense four-year personal relationship" they shared and "worked diligently to disguise from the world's press," PageSix.com reports.

Young says the singer's

lawyer Sonya Guardo, who works with powerhouse celebrity attorney Allen Grubman, fired off a letter reminding him of a confidentiality agreement to steer clear of blabbing any sensitive information about Carey in his upcoming book, *Guilty by Association*. Guardo didn't get back to PageSix.

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## celebrity brief

## Oprah tops list of generous celebs

**CHARITY** Oprah Winfrey tops a list of the 30 most generous celebrities, compiled by The Giving Back Fund and published in the Sept. 14 issue of Parade, us-magazine.com reports. The 54-year-old talk show host and me-

dia mogul gave out \$50.2 million US last year to causes including her foundation and Oprah's Angel Network.

Power couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie ranked sixth, with donations of \$8.4 million in 2007.

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## celebrity briefs

## Berry's ex Benet denies addiction

**CONTROVERSY** Eric Benet insists the sex addiction that ended his marriage to Halle Berry was all made up, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Benet admits he agreed to seek counselling for a problem he never had in a desperate bid to save his marriage to the actress.

"Going to that therapy, for me, was an attempt to save my marriage," he says. "If you've been unfaithful in a relationship, or your marriage, you're considered a sex addict now. I never really agreed with that philosophy."

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## Keira sick of body criticism

**PEOPLE** Actress Keira Knightley has joked she wants to get pregnant so people won't think she is anorexic, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Knightley, 23, who is often criticized for her slim figure, says she believes she would get a break from her detractors if she had a baby.

"That's a good reason to have a kid. They won't say I'm anorexic any more. S\*\*t, I've got to have a child," she says.

The actress also claims the constant questions about her weight are "not appropriate."

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

t's been a bad couple of months for the marriages of Canadian singers.

First **Shania Twain**'s marriage goes kaput, and now **Sarah McLachlan** is fumbling towards Splitsville with her drummer husband, **Ashwin Sood**. If I'm a marriage counsellor, I'm on the phone with **Celine Dion** right now! Now, Sarah and Ashwin were married for 11 years, which translates to 10 and three quarters Canadian, but I have to question why anyone would want to be married to a band mate in the first place.

The Beatles knew better, and I believe that this is one of the main reasons why **Paul McCartney** never shacked up with **Ringo Starr**.

Another question this raises is, "Why a drummer?" Has Sarah never seen *This is Spinal Tap* before? It's a well-known fact that when drummers aren't choking on their own or other people's vomit, their heads are spontaneously combusting or exploding. On second thought, maybe in her present state of mind, Sarah wishes that would happen to him.

Sarah has described the split as "pretty gross," and I know what she means. There are few things more off-putting than a vegan chewing with his mouth open. In Ashwin's defense, he's probably had just about enough of watching her sing with her eyes closed.

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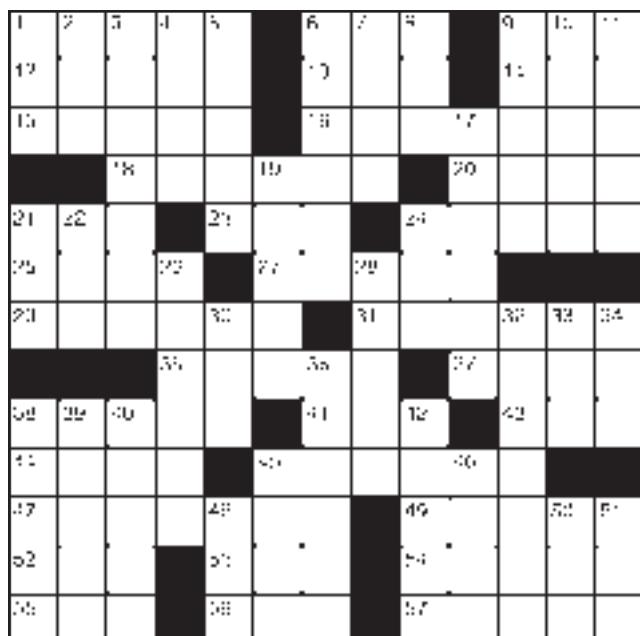
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## Minogue's private performance in Dubai

Kylie Minogue is to be paid \$1.7 million US for a private performance in Dubai. The singer has been asked to sing during a lavish four-day launch party to celebrate the opening of the Atlantis, The Palm resort. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

## Take Five



## Crossword down

1 Possessed  
2 "Hail, Caesar!"  
3 Politician George  
4 Prop for Ben Franklin  
5 Feature of italics  
6 Third-party collateral  
7 Liver secretion  
8 Chum  
9 Bird skilled in mimicry  
10 Grievance  
11 More festive  
17 Turn to bone  
19 Refuges  
21 Sprite  
22 Links standard  
24 Actress Thurman  
26 Henson amphibian  
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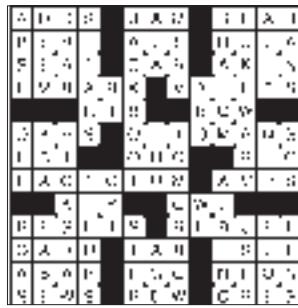
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6 "Chicago" lyricist  
9 Gas stat  
12 Use  
13 Round Table address  
14 Verily  
15 Mississippi area  
16 Screen star George  
18 Girl named in "The Raven"  
20 Rescue  
21 Eco-friendly org.

23 Confucian principle  
24 Leading man?  
25 Deficiency  
27 Mentor  
29 Put on ice  
31 Confound  
35 Ex-NFLer Andre, nicknamed "Bad Moon"  
37 Part of MYOB  
38 Tread upon forcefully  
41 Ump  
43 Nipper's co.

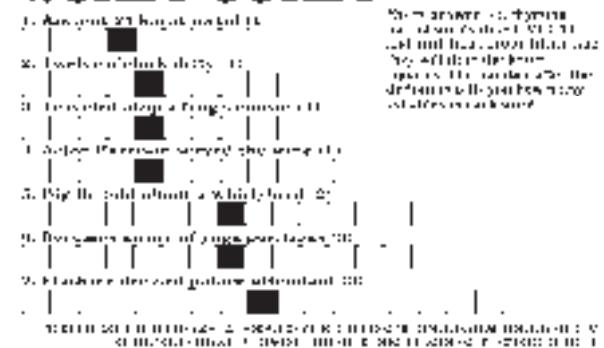
44 Revealing fashion  
45 Mechan-ic's place  
47 Inventor George  
49 On the clock  
52 Exist  
53 Early bird?  
54 Type of quartz  
55 Snitch  
56 "Norma —"  
57 Jousting weapon

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SEPT. 12, 1947: The U.S. Screen Actors Guild implements an anti-Communist loyalty oath.  
SEPT. 12, 1959: Bonanza premiers. First regularly-scheduled TV program presented in color.  
SEPT. 12, 1977: South African anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko is killed in police custody.

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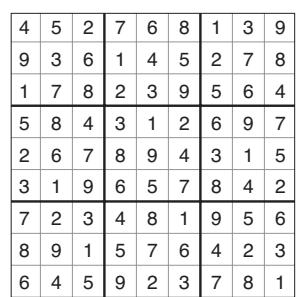
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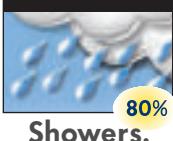
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15°

## Tonight



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## Saturday



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16° / 2°

## Sunday



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19° / 4°



Monday



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## ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Your friendliness will attract an impractical person. Don't let anyone interfere with a ridiculous plan. Doubts about challenges will create turmoil.



## TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Revealing too much may ruin your chances. Don't forget a crucial step in a project. This would be a good time to make amends.



## GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Friendship leads to transportation problems. Don't waste too much time on a silly errand. Be realistic about your blissful preoccupation.



## CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Your ability to read people is enhanced. A sudden temper tantrum will be obnoxious. An amazing action causes a secret rendezvous.



## LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Don't be aloof when a friend says something critical. A discussion will be avoided due to a sports event. It's important to be the solution to a problem.



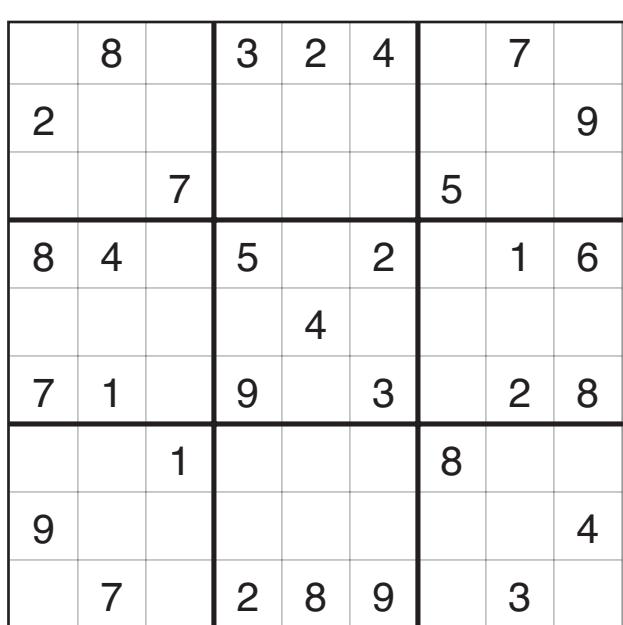
## VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A needy person is reaching out after a break-up. A discussion will cause a big stink. An over-reaction will create a tense situation.



## Sudoku



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